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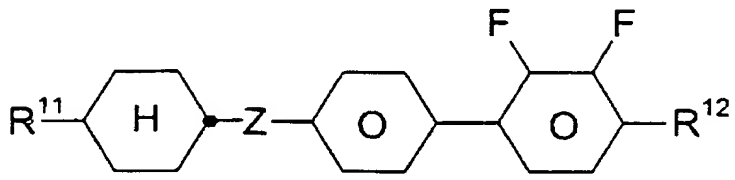
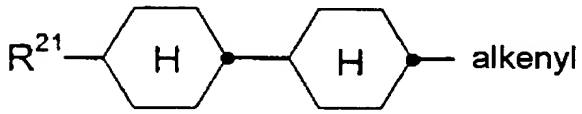
The invention relates to a liquid-crystalline medium based on a mixture of polar compounds having negative dielectric anisotropy, which comprises at least one compound of the formula I1



I1

and at least one compound of the formula I2



I2

in which

R^{11}, R^{12} and R^{21} are each, independently of one another, an alkyl or alkenyl radical having up to 15 carbon atoms which is unsubstituted, monosubstituted by CN or CF_3 or at least monosubstituted by halogen, where one or more CH_2 groups in these radicals may also, in each case independently of one another, be replaced by -O-, -S-, independently of one another by -O-, -S-, [sic]  , -C≡C-, -CO-, -CO-O-, -O-CO- or -O-CO-O- in such a way that O atoms are not linked directly to one another,

Z is $-C_2H_4-$, -CH=CH- or a single bond, and

alkenyl is a straight-chain alkenyl radical having 2-6 carbon atoms.

Such media are particularly suitable for electro-optical displays with active matrix addressing based on the ECB effect.

The principle of electrically controlled birefringence, the ECB effect or alternatively DAP effect (deformation of aligned phases), was described for the first time in 1971 (M.F. Schieckel and K. Fahrenschon, "Deformation of nematic liquid crystals with vertical orientation in electrical fields", Appl. Phys. Lett. 19 (1971), 3912). This was followed by papers by J.F. Kahn (Appl. Phys. Lett. 20 (1972), 1193) and G. Labrunie and J. Robert (J. Appl. Phys. 44 (1973), 4869).

The papers by J. Robert and F. Clerc (SID 80 Digest Techn. Papers (1980), 30), J. Duchene (Displays 7 (1986), 3) and H. Schad (SID 82 Digest Techn. Papers (1982), 244) have shown that liquid-crystalline phases must have high values for the ratio between the elastic constants K_3/K_1, high values for the optical anisotropy Δn and values for the dielectric anisotropy $\Delta\varepsilon$ of from -0.5 to -5 in order to be suitable for high-information display elements based on the ECB effect. Electro-optical display elements based on the ECB effect have a homeotropic edge alignment.

Technical use of this effect in electro-optical display elements requires LC phases which must satisfy a multiplicity of requirements. Particularly important here are chemical resistance to moisture, air and physical effects, such as heat, radiation in the infrared, visible and ultraviolet regions and direct and alternating electric fields.

Technically suitable LC phases are furthermore required to have a liquid-crystalline mesophase in a suitable temperature range and low viscosity.

None of the series of compounds having a liquid-crystalline mesophase which have been disclosed hitherto includes a single compound which meets all these requirements. In general, therefore, mixtures of from 2 to 25, preferably from 3 to 18, compounds are prepared in order to obtain substances which can be used as LC phases. However, optimum phases could not be prepared easily in this way, since no liquid-crystalline materials of significantly negative dielectric anisotropy were hitherto available.

Matrix liquid-crystal displays are known. Non-linear elements which can be used for individual switching of the individual pixels are, for example, active elements (i.e. transistors). This is then referred to as an "active matrix", and a distinction can be made between two types:

1. MOS (metal oxide semiconductor) transistors on a silicon wafer as substrate.

2. Thin-film transistors (TFTs) on a glass plate as substrate.

In the case of type 1, the electro-optical effect used is usually dynamic scattering or the guest-host effect. The use of single-crystal silicon as the substrate material limits the display size, since even modular assembly of various part-displays results in problems at the joints.

In the case of more promising type 2, which is preferred, the electro-optical effect used is usually the TN effect.

A distinction is made between two technologies: TFTs comprising compound semiconductors, for example CdSe, or TFTs based on polycrystalline or amorphous silicon.

Intensive work is being carried out worldwide on the latter technology.

The TFT matrix is applied to the inside of one glass plate of the display, while the other glass plate carries the transparent counterelectrode on its inside. Compared with the size of the pixel electrode, the TFT is very small and has virtually no adverse effect on the image. This technology can also be expanded to fully colour-compatible displays, in which a mosaic of red, green and blue filters is arranged in such a way that each filter element is located opposite a switchable pixel.

The TFT displays usually operate as TN cells with crossed polarizers in transmission and are backlit.

The term MLC displays here covers any matrix display containing integrated non-linear elements, i.e., besides the active matrix, also displays containing passive elements, such as varistors or diodes (MIM = metal-insulator-metal).

MLC displays of this type are particularly suitable for TV applications (for example pocket TVs) or for high-information displays in automobile or aircraft construction. Besides problems regarding the angle dependence of the contrast and the response times, difficulties also arise in MLC displays due to inadequate resistivity of the liquid-crystal mixtures [TOGASHI, S., SEKIGUCHI, K., TANABE, H., YAMAMOTO, E., SORIMACHI, K., TAJIMA, E., WATANABE, H., SHIMIZU, H., Proc. Eurodisplay 84, Sept. 1984: A 210-288 Matrix LCD Controlled by Double Stage Diode Rings, p. 141 ff, Paris; STROMER, M., Proc. Eurodisplay 84, Sept. 1984: Design of Thin Film Transistors for Matrix Addressing of Television Liquid Crystal Displays, p. 145 ff, Paris]. With decreasing resistance, the contrast of an MLC display drops. Since the resistivity of the liquid-

crystal mixture generally drops over the life of an MLC display owing to interaction with the interior surfaces of the display, a high (initial) resistance is very important for displays which must have acceptable resistance values over a long service life.

The disadvantage of the MLC-TN displays disclosed hitherto is due to their comparatively low contrast, relatively high viewing-angle dependence and the difficulty of generating grey shades in these displays.

EP 0 474 062 discloses MLC displays based on the ECB effect. However, the LC mixtures described therein, which are based on 2,3-difluorophenyl derivatives containing an ester, ether or ethyl bridge, have low "voltage holding ratio" (HR) values after UV exposure.

There thus continues to be a great demand for MLC displays which have very high resistivity at the same time as a broad operating temperature range, short response times and a low threshold voltage which can be used to produce various grey shades.

It is an object of the invention to provide MLC displays based on the ECB effect which do not have the abovementioned disadvantages, or only do so to a lesser extent, and at the same time have very high resistivities.

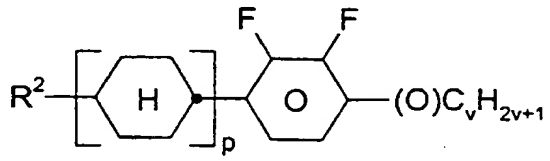
It has now been found that this object can be achieved if nematic liquid-crystal mixtures comprising at least one compound of the formula I1 and one compound of the formula I2 are used in these display elements.

The invention thus relates to a liquid-crystalline medium based on a mixture of polar compounds having negative dielectric anisotropy which comprises at least one compound of the formula I1 and at least one compound of the formula I2.

The mixture according to the invention has very favourable values for the capacitive threshold, relatively high values for the holding ratio and at the same time very good low-temperature stability.

Some preferred embodiments are mentioned below:

a) A medium which additionally comprises one or more compounds of the formula II:



II

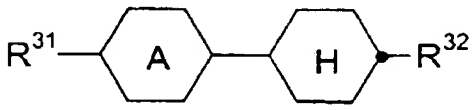
in which

R^2 is as defined for R^{11}, R^{12} and R^{21},

p is 1 or 2, and

v is from 1 to 6.

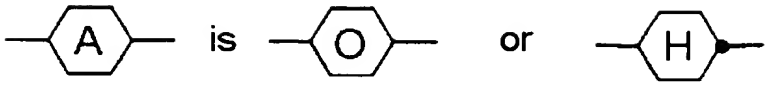
b) A medium which additionally comprises one or more compounds of the formula III:



III

in which

R^{31} and R^{32} are each, independently of one another, a straight-chain alkyl or alkyloxy radical having up to 12 carbon atoms, and



c) A medium which comprises two, three, four or more, preferably two, three or four, compounds of the formula I1.

d) A medium which comprises at least two compounds of the formula I2.

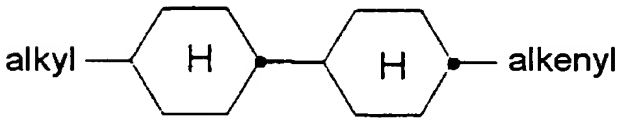
e) A medium in which the proportion of compounds of the formula I1 in the total mixture is at least 10% by weight, preferably at least 20% by weight.

f) A medium in which the proportion of compounds of the formula I2 in the total mixture is at least 5% by weight, preferably at least 10% by weight.

g) A medium in which the proportion of compounds of the formula II in the total mixture is at least 20% by weight.

h) A medium in which the proportion of compounds of the formula III in the total mixture is at least 5% by weight.

i) A medium which comprises at least one compound selected from the formulae I2a and I2b.



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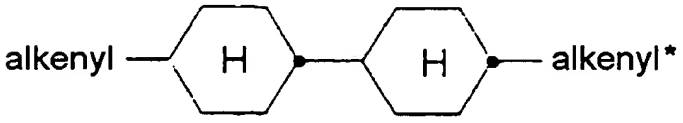

I2b

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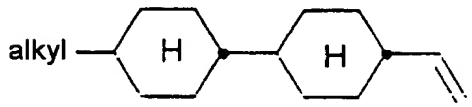

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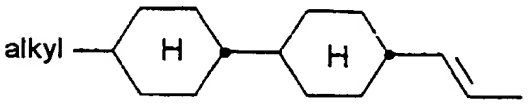

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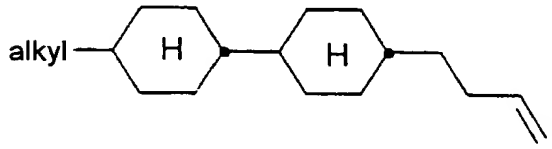

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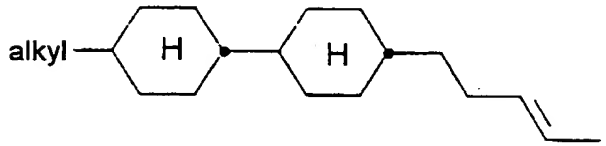

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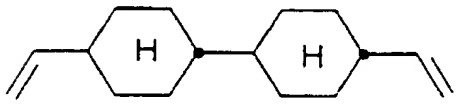

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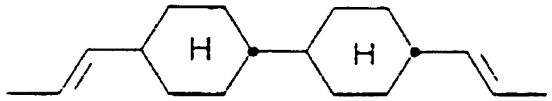

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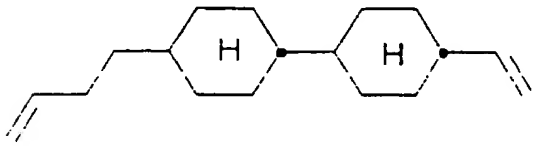

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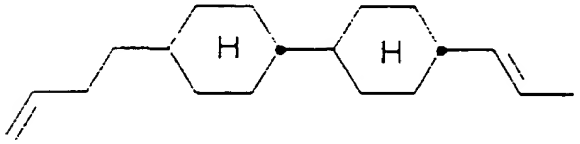

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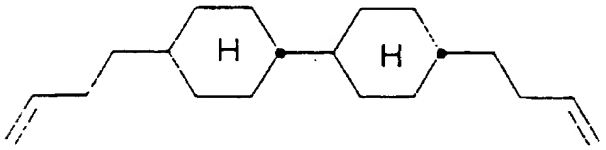


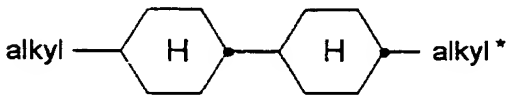
I2be

in which

alkenyl and
alkenyl* are each, independently of one another, a straight-chain alkenyl radical having 2-6 carbon atoms, and

alkyl is a straight-chain alkyl radical having 1-6 carbon atoms.

j) A medium which additionally comprises a compound selected from the formulae IIIa to IIId:



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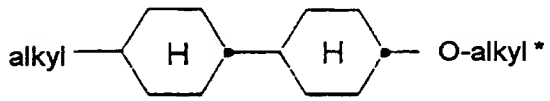

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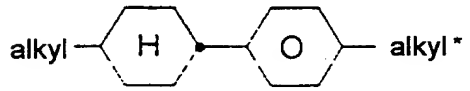

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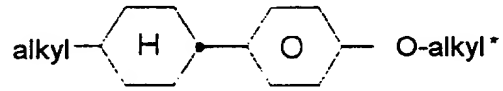


IIId

in which

alkyl and
alkyl* are each, independently of one another, a straight-chain alkyl radical having 1-6 carbon atoms.

The medium according to the invention preferably comprises at least one compound of the formula IIIa and/or formula IIIb.

k) A medium which essentially consists of:

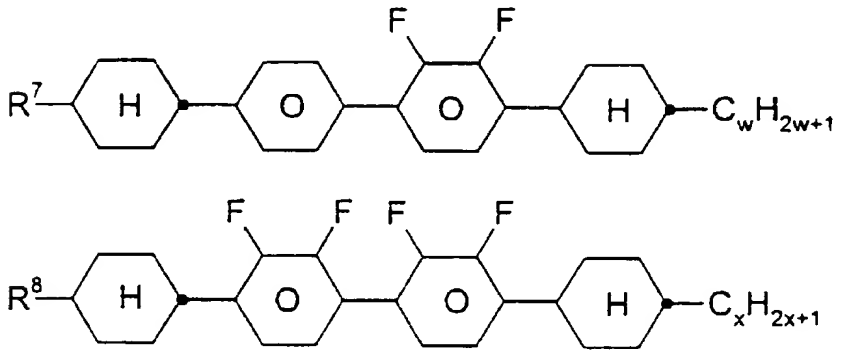
10-40% by weight of one or more compounds of the formula I1,

5-30% by weight of one or more compounds of the formula I2,

and

20-70% by weight of one or more compounds of the formula II.

l) A medium which additionally comprises one more compounds of the formulae

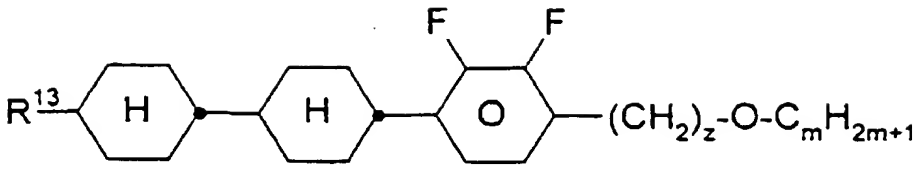


in which

R^7 and R^8 are each, independently of one another, as defined for R^{11}, R^{12} and R^{21} in Claim 1, and

w and x are each, independently of one another, from 1 to 6.

m) A medium which additionally comprises one more compounds of the formulae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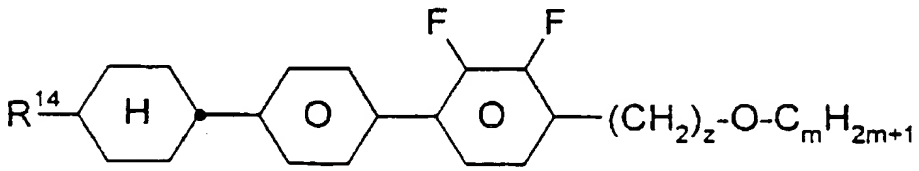
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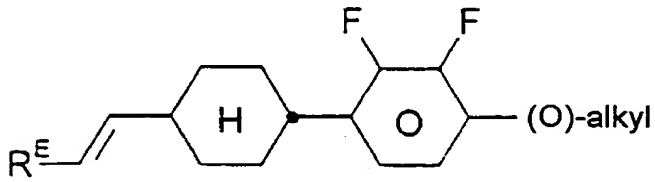
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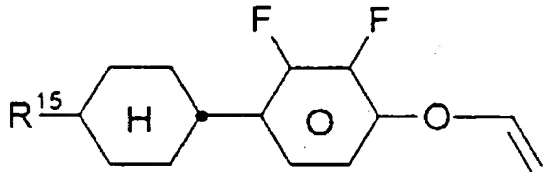
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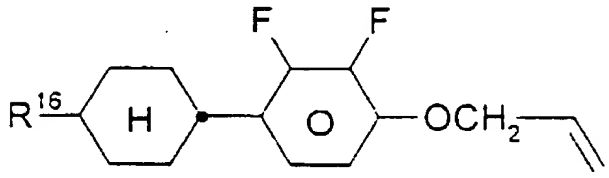
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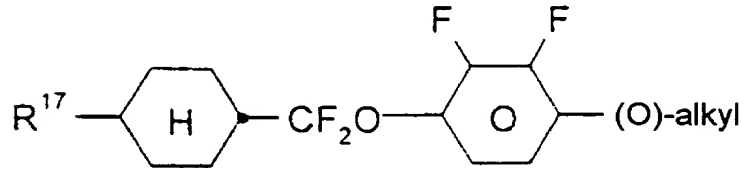
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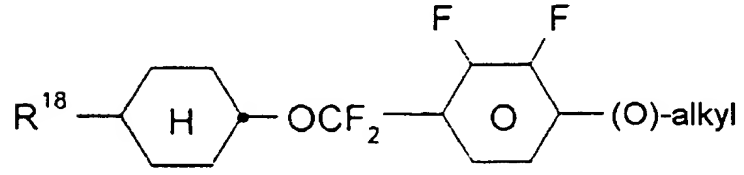
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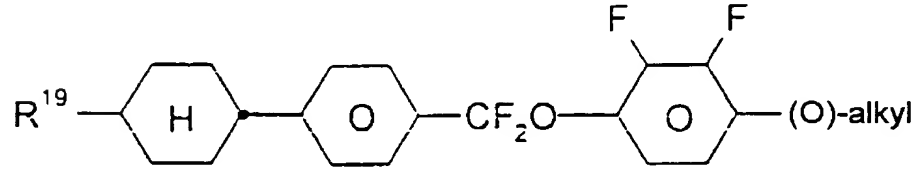
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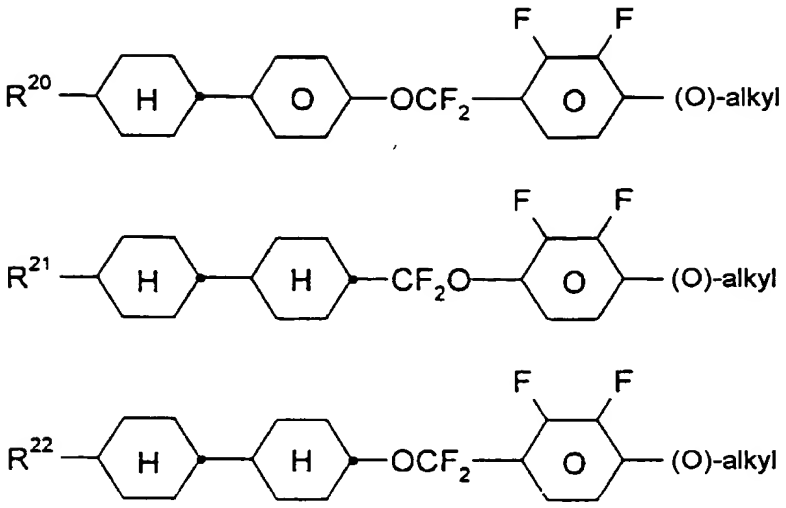

in which R^{13}-R^{22} are each, independently of one another, as defined for R^{11}, R^{12} and R^{21}, and z and m are each, independently of one another, 1-6. R^E is H, CH_3, C_2H_3 [sic] or n-C_3H_7.

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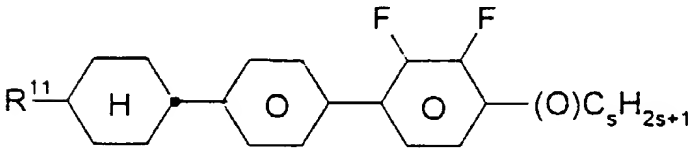

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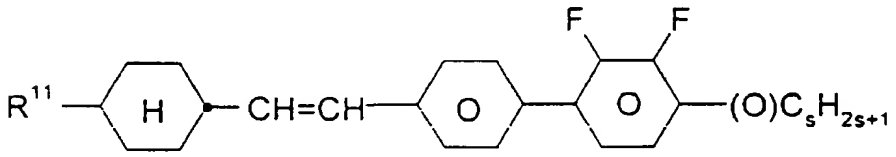

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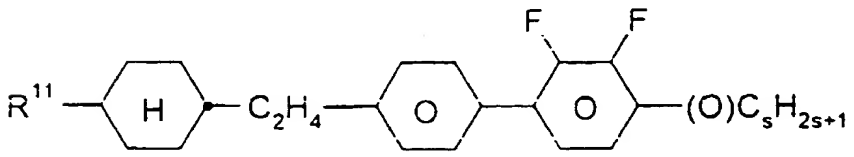

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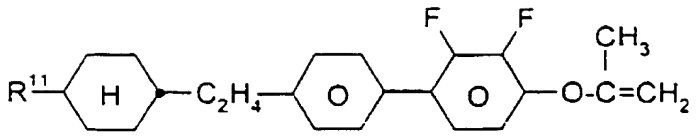

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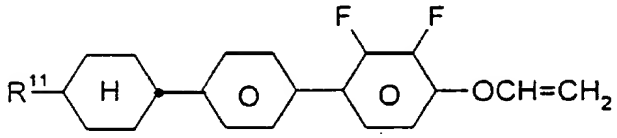

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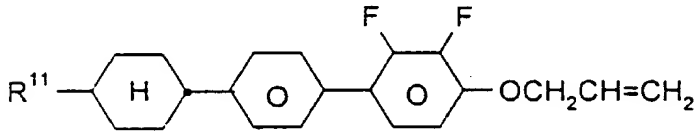

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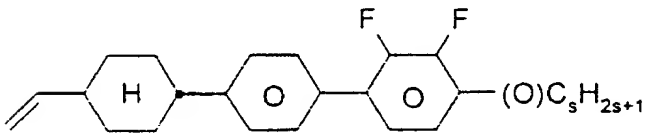
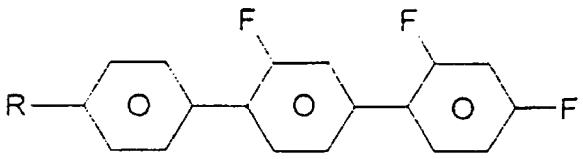


I1g

in which R^{11} is as defined in Claim 1, and s is 1-12. R^{11} is preferably straight-chain alkyl having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, vinyl, 1E-alkenyl or 3E-alkenyl.

o) A medium which comprises one or more compounds of the formula I1a and/or I1g.

p) A medium which additionally comprises one or more compounds of the formula



in which R is alkyl, alkenyl, alkoxy, alkenyloxy having 1 or 2 to 6 carbon atoms.

The invention furthermore relates to an electro-optical display having active matrix addressing based on the ECB effect, characterized in that it comprises, as dielectric, a liquid-crystalline medium according to one of Claims 1 to 13 [sic].

The liquid-crystal mixture preferably has a nematic phase range of at least 60 K and a maximum flow viscosity ν_{20} of 30 $mm^2 \cdot s^{-1}$ at 20°C.

The liquid-crystal mixture according to the invention has a $\Delta\varepsilon$ of from about -0.5 to -6.0, in particular from about -3.0 to -4.5, where $\Delta\varepsilon$ is the dielectric anisotropy.

The rotational viscosity γ_1 is preferably < 225 mPa·s, in particular < 180 mPa·s.

The birefringence Δn in the liquid-crystal mixture is generally between 0.04 and 0.13, preferably between 0.06 and 0.11, and/or the dielectric constant $\varepsilon_{||}$ of greater than or equal to 3, preferably from 3.2 to 8.5.

The dielectrics may also comprise further additives which are known to the person skilled in the art and are described in the literature.

For example, 0-15% of pleochroic dyes can be added, furthermore conductive salts, preferably ethyldimethyl-dodecylammonium 4-hexoxybenzoate, tetrabutylammonium tetraphenylborate or complex salts of crown ethers (cf., for example, Haller et al., Mol. Cryst. Liq. Cryst., Volume 24, pages 249-258 (1973)) for improving the conductivity, or substances for modifying the dielectric anisotropy, the viscosity and/or the alignment of the nematic phases. Such substances are described, for example, in DE-A 22 09 127, 22 40 864, 23 21 632, 23 38 281, 24 50 088, 26 37 430 and 28 53 728.

The individual components of the formulae I1, I2, II and III in the liquid-crystal phases according to the invention are either known or their modes of preparation can easily be derived from the prior art by the person skilled in the relevant art, since they are

based on standard methods which are described in the literature.

The nematic liquid-crystal mixtures in the displays according to the invention generally comprise two components A and B, which themselves consist of one or more individual compounds.

Component A has significantly negative dielectric anisotropy and gives the nematic phase a dielectric anisotropy of ≤ -0.3. It preferably comprises compounds of the formulae I1 and II.

The proportion of component A is preferably between 45 and 100%, in particular between 60 and 100%.

For component A, one (or more) individual compound(s) having a $\Delta\varepsilon \leq -0.8$ are preferably selected. The smaller the proportion of component A in the total mixture, the more negative this value must be.

Component B has pronounced nematogeneity and a flow viscosity of not more than 30 $mm^2 \cdot s^{-1}$, preferably not more than 25 $mm^2 \cdot s^{-1}$, at 20°C.

Particularly preferred individual compounds of component B are extremely low-viscosity nematic liquid crystals having a flow viscosity of not more than 18 $mm^2 \cdot s^{-1}$, preferably not more than 12 $mm^2 \cdot s^{-1}$, at 20°C.

Component B has monotropic or enantiotropic nematogeneity, has no smectic phases and can prevent the occurrence of smectic phases in liquid-crystal mixtures down to very low temperatures. If, for example, a smectic liquid-crystal mixture is mixed with various materials of high nematogeneity, the degree of suppression of smectic phases that is achieved can be used to compare the nematogeneity of these materials.

Numerous suitable materials are known to the person skilled in the art from the literature. Particular preference is given to compounds of the formula III.

In addition, these liquid-crystal phases can also contain more than 18 components, preferably from 18 to 25 components.

The phases preferably contain from 4 to 15, in particular 5 to 12, compounds of the formulae I1, I2, II and optionally III.

Besides compounds of the formulae I1, I2, II and III, it is also possible for other constituents to be present, for example in an amount of up to 45% of the total mixture, but preferably up to 35%, in particular up to 10%.

The other constituents are preferably selected from nematic or nematogenic substances, in particular known substances, from the classes consisting of the azoxybenzenes, benzylideneanilines, biphenyls, terphenyls, phenyl or cyclohexyl benzoates, phenyl or cyclohexyl cyclohexanecarboxylates, phenylcyclohexanes, cyclohexylbiphenyls, cyclohexylcyclohexanes, cyclohexylnaphthalenes, 1,4-bis-cyclohexylbiphenyls or cyclohexylpyrimidines, phenyl- or cyclohexyldioxanes, optionally halogenated stilbenes, benzyl phenyl ethers, tolans and substituted cinnamic acids.

The most important compounds which can be used as constituents of liquid-crystal mixtures of this type can be characterized by the formula IV

$$R^9\text{-}L\text{-}G\text{-}E\text{-}R^{10} \quad IV$$

in which L and E are each a carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring system from the group consisting of 1,4-disubstituted benzene and cyclohexane rings, 4,4'-

disubstituted biphenyl, phenylcyclohexane and cyclohexylcyclohexane systems, 2,5-disubstituted pyrimidine and 1,3-dioxane rings, 2,6-disubstituted naphthalene, di- and tetrahydronaphthalene, quinazoline and tetrahydroquinazoline,

G is	-CH=CH-	-N(O)=N-
	-CH-CQ-	-CH=N(O)-
	-C≡C-	$-CH_2-CH_2-$
	-CO-O-	$-CH_2-O-$
	-CO-S-	$-CH_2-S-$
	-CH=N-	-COO-Phe-COO-

or a C-C single bond, Q is halogen, preferably chlorine, or -CN, and R^9 and R^{10} are each alkyl, alkenyl, alkoxy, alkanoyloxy or alkoxycarbonyloxy having up to 18, preferably up to 8, carbon atoms, or one of these radicals is alternatively CN, NC, NO_2, NCS, CF_3, F, Cl or Br.

In most of these compounds, R^9 and R^{10} are different from one another, one of these radicals usually being an alkyl or alkoxy group. However, other variants of the proposed substituents are also common. Many such substances or mixtures thereof are commercially available. All these substances can be prepared by methods which are known from the literature.

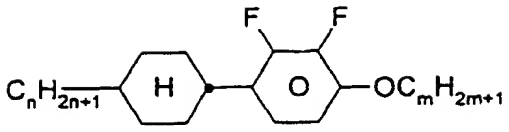
It will be appreciated by a person skilled in the art that the ECB mixture according to the invention may also comprise compounds in which, for example, H, N, O, Cl or F have been replaced by the corresponding isotopes.

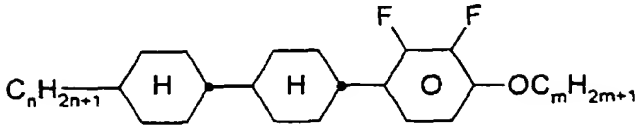
The construction of the liquid-crystal displays according to the invention corresponds to the conventional geometry, as described, for example, in EP-A 0 240 379.

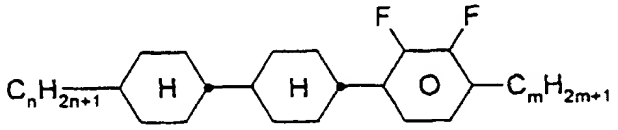
The examples below are intended to illustrate the invention without limiting it. Hereinbefore and hereinafter, percentages are given in per cent by weight; all temperatures are specified in degrees Celsius.

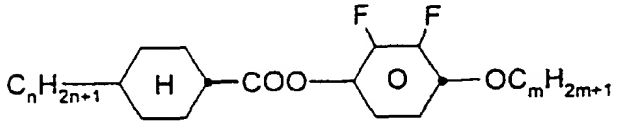
Besides the compounds of the formulae I1 and I2, the liquid-crystal mixtures according to the invention preferably comprise one or more of the compounds mentioned below.

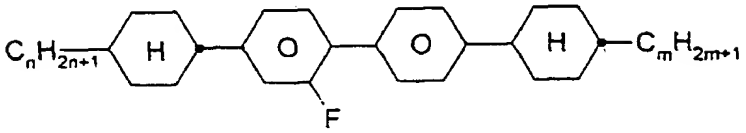
The following abbreviations are used:
(n, m = 1-6; z = 1-6)

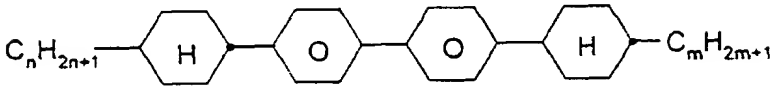
PCH-nOmFF 

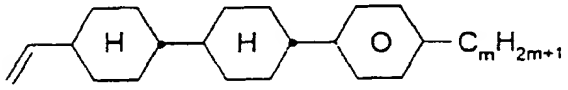
CCP-nOmFF 

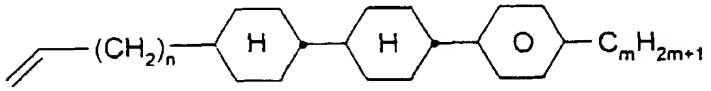
CCP-nmFF 

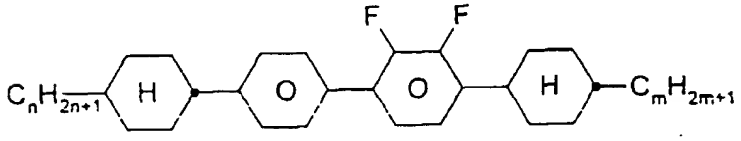
D-nOmFF 

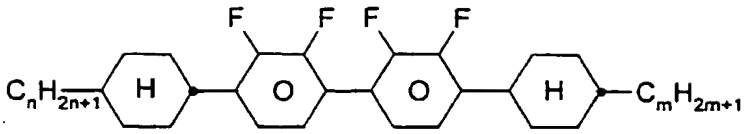
CBC-nmF 

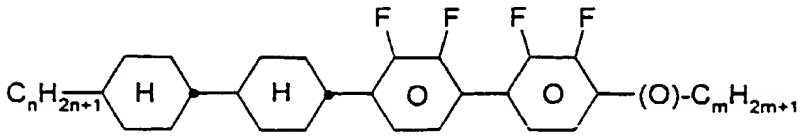
CBC-nm 

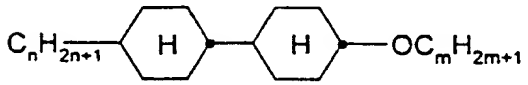
CCP-V-m 

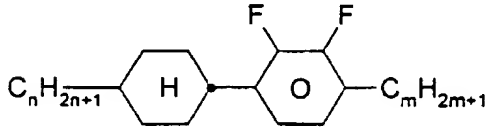
CCP-Vn-m 

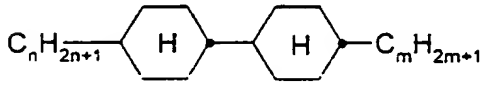
CPYC-n-m 

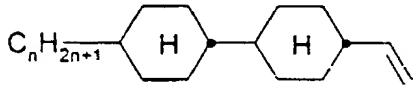
CYYC-n-m 

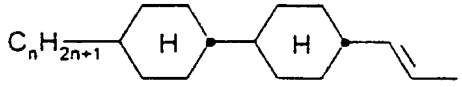
CCYY-n-(O)m 

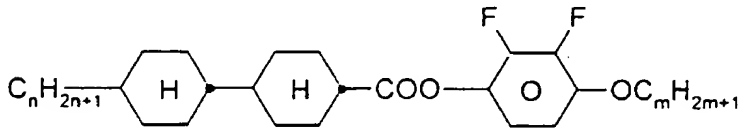
CCH-nOm 

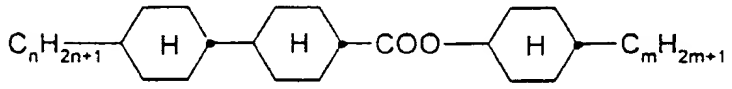
CY-n-m 

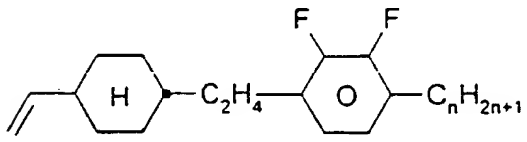
CCH-nm 

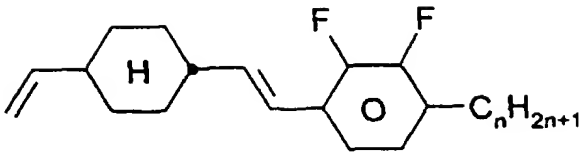
CC-n-V 

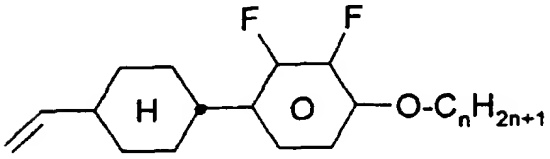
CC-n-V1 

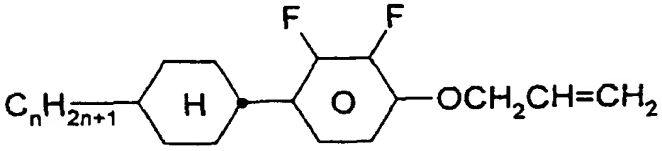
CP-nOmFF 

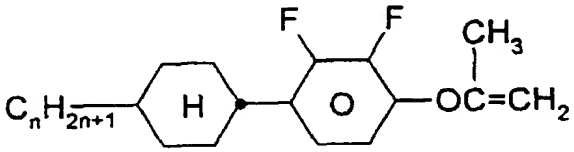
CH-nm 

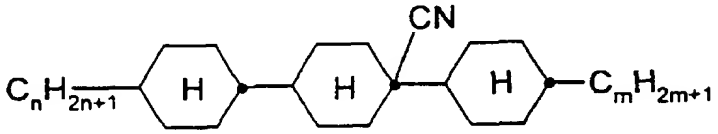
CEY-V-n 

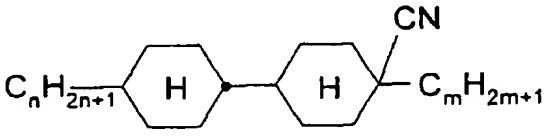
CVY-V-n 

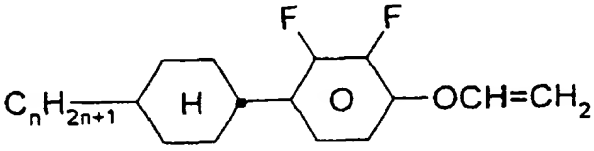
CY-V-On 

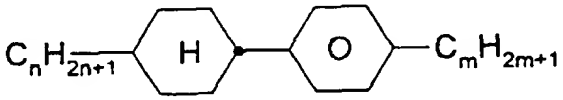
CY-n-O1V 

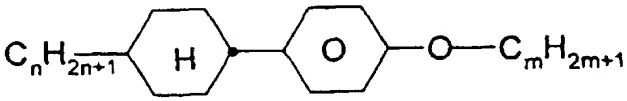
CY-n-OC(CH$_3$)=CH$_2$ 

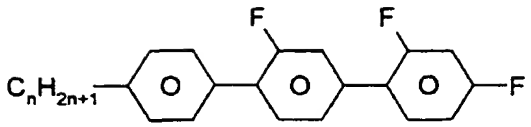
BCN-nm 

CCN-nm 

CY-n-OV 

PCH-nm 

PCH-nOm 

PGIGI-n-F 

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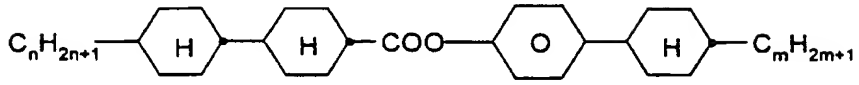
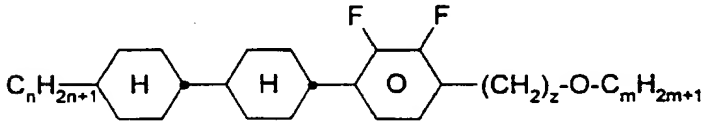
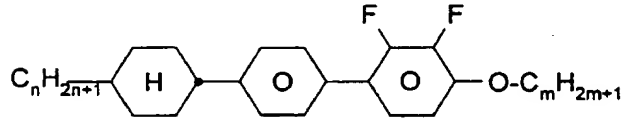
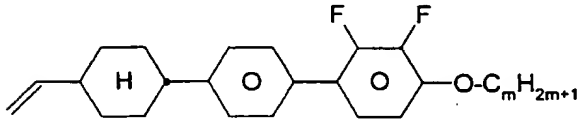
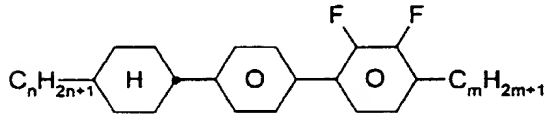
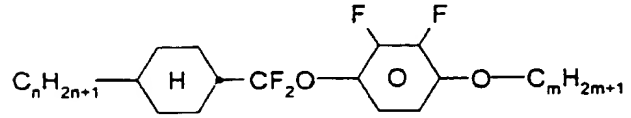
CCPC-nm 

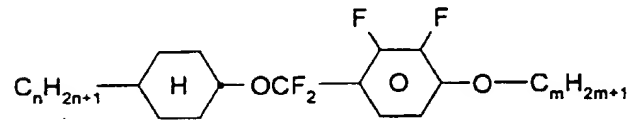
CCY-n-zOm 

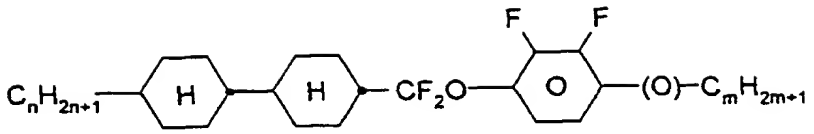
CPY-n-Om 

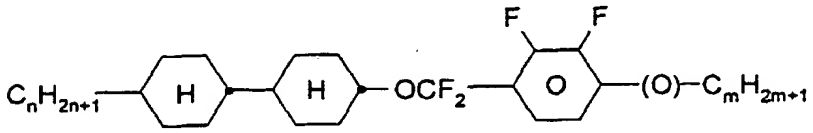
CPY-V-Om 

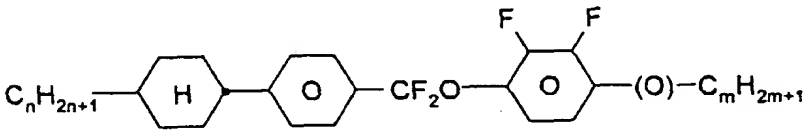
CPY-n-m 

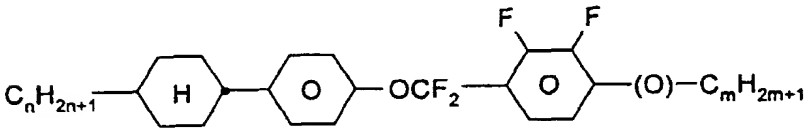
CQY-n-(O)m 

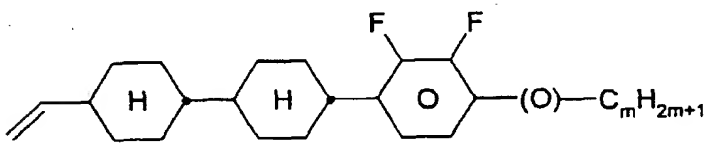
CQIY-n-(O)m 

CCQY-n-(O)m 

CCQIY-n-(O)m 

CPQY-n-(O)m 

CPQIY-n-(O)m 

CCY-V-(O)m 

The abbreviations furthermore have the following meanings:

V_o threshold voltage, capacitive [V] at 20°C

Δn optical anisotropy measured at 20°C and 589 nm

$\Delta\varepsilon$ dielectric anisotropy at 20°C and 1 kHz

c.p. clearing point [°C]

γ_1 rotational viscosity measured at 20°C [mPa·s]

LTS low temperature stability

The display used to measure the threshold voltage has two plane-parallel outer plates at a separation of 5 µm and electrode layers covered by lecithin alignment layers on the inside of the outer plates, which produce a homeotropic alignment of the liquid crystal molecules.

Mixture examples

Example 1

PCH-304FF	18.0%	S → N:	< -40°C
PCH-504FF	19.0%	Clearing point [°C]:	69.5
BCH-32	8.0%	Δn [589 nm, 20°C]:	+0.1011
CCP-V-1	7.0%	Δε [1 kHz, 20°C]:	-3.3
CC-3-V1	8.0%	$\varepsilon_{\parallel}$ [1 kHz, 20°C]:	3.6
CC-5-V	18.0%	γ_1 [mPa·s, 20°C]:	115
CPY-2-02	12.0%	V_o [V]:	2.10
CPY-3-02	10.0%	LTS in cells: nem. >	1 000 h
		At -20°C, -30°C, -40°C	

Example 2

PCH-304FF	19.0%	S → N:	< -40°C
PCH-504FF	20.0%	Clearing point [°C]:	71.0
CCP-302FF	6.0%	Δn [589 nm, 20°C]:	+0.1020
BCH-32	7.0%	Δε [1 kHz, 20°C]:	-3.9
CCH-35	5.0%	$\varepsilon_{\parallel}$ [1 kHz, 20°C]:	3.7
CC-3-V1	8.0%	γ_1 [mPa·s, 20°C]:	142
CC-5-V	11.0%	V_o [V]:	1.92
CPY-2-02	12.0%	LTS in cells: nem. >	1 000 h
CPY-3-02	12.0%	At -20°C and -30°C	

Example 3

PCH-304FF	10.0%	S → N:	< -30°C
PCH-502FF	8.0%	Clearing point [°C]:	75.5
PCH-504FF	18.0%	Δn [589 nm, 20°C]:	+0.1005
CCP-302FF	10.0%	Δε [1 kHz, 20°C]:	-4.2
CC-3-V1	8.0%	$\varepsilon_{\parallel}$ [1 kHz, 20°C]:	3.7
CC-5-V	13.0%	γ_1 [mPa·s, 20°C]:	149
CCH-35	5.0%	V_o [V]:	1.95
CPY-2-02	12.0%		
CPY-3-02	12.0%		
BCH-32	4.0%		

Example 4

PCH-304FF	8.0%	S → N:	< -30°C
PCH-502FF	8.0%	Clearing point [°C]:	83.5
PCH-504FF	18.0%	Δn [589 nm, 20°C]:	+0.1022
CCP-302FF	14.0%	Δε [1 kHz, 20°C]:	-4.9
CCP-31FF	7.0%	$\varepsilon_{\parallel}$ [1 kHz, 20°C]:	3.8
CC-5-V	8.0%	γ_1 [mPa·s, 20°C]:	189
CC-3-V1	8.0%	V_o [V]:	1.93
CCH-35	5.0%		
CPY-2-02	12.0%		
CPY-3-02	12.0%		

Example 5

PCH-304FF	11.0%	S → N:	< -30°C
PCH-504FF	16.0%	Clearing point [°C]:	83.5
CC-5-V	12.0%	Δn [589 nm, 20°C]:	+0.1006
PCH-302	6.0%	Δε [1 kHz, 20°C]:	-3.7
CCH-35	5.0%	$\varepsilon_{\parallel}$ [1 kHz, 20°C]:	3.5
CC-3-V1	8.0%	γ_1 [mPa·s, 20°C]:	150
CPY-2-02	12.0%	V_o [V]:	2.23
CPY-3-02	12.0%		
CCP-302FF	11.0%		
CCP-V2-1	7.0%		

Example 6

PCH-502FF	8.0%	S → N:	< -30°C
PCH-504FF	16.0%	Clearing point [°C]:	70.5
PCH-301	9.0%	Δn [589 nm, 20°C]:	+0.1007
CCP-V2-1	5.0%	Δε [1 kHz, 20°C]:	-4.2
CC-3-V1	9.0%	$\varepsilon_{\parallel}$ [1 kHz, 20°C]:	3.9
CCH-35	5.0%	γ_1 [mPa·s, 20°C]:	139
CC-5-V	6.0%	V_o [V]:	1.96
D-302-FF	8.0%		
D-502FF	8.0%		
CPY-2-02	14.0%		
CPY-3-02	12.0%		

Example 7

PCH-304FF	14.0%	S → N:	< -30°C
PCH-502FF	7.0%	Clearing point [°C]:	80.5
PCH-504FF	18.0%	Δn [589 nm, 20°C]:	+0.1006
CC-5-V	8.0%	$\Delta\varepsilon$ [1 kHz, 20°C]:	-4.9
CC-3-V1	8.0%	$\varepsilon_{\parallel}$ [1 kHz, 20°C]:	3.8
CCH-35	5.0%	γ_1 [mPa·s, 20°C]:	186
CPY-2-02	12.0%	V_o [V]:	1.89
CPY-3-02	12.0%		
CCP-302FF	13.0%		
CCPC-33	3.0%		

Example 8

PCH-304FF	14.0%	S → N:	< -30°C
PCH-502FF	10.0%	Clearing point [°C]:	80.0
PCH-504FF	17.0%	Δn [589 nm, 20°C]:	+0.1104
CCH-35	5.0%	$\Delta\varepsilon$ [1 kHz, 20°C]:	-5.1
CC-3-V1	9.0%	$\varepsilon_{\parallel}$ [1 kHz, 20°C]:	3.8
BCH-32	6.0%	γ_1 [mPa·s, 20°C]:	202
CPY-2-02	13.0%	V_o [V]:	1.83
CPY-3-02	12.0%		
CCP-302FF	14.0%		

Example 9

PCH-304FF	14.0%	S → N:	< -30°C
PCH-502FF	8.0%	Clearing point [°C]:	70.0
PCH-504FF	15.0%	Δn [589 nm, 20°C]:	+0.0906
CCP-302FF	8.0%	$\Delta\varepsilon$ [1 kHz, 20°C]:	-3.7
CPY-2-02	9.0%	$\varepsilon_{\parallel}$ [1 kHz, 20°C]:	3.6
CPY-3-02	10.0%	γ_1 [mPa·s, 20°C]:	119
CCP-V2-1	5.0%	V_o [V]:	2.03
CC-3-V1	8.0%		
CCH-35	5.0%		
CC-5-V	18.0%		

Example 10

PCH-304FF	18.0%	S → N:	< -30°C
PCH-502FF	10.0%	Clearing point [°C]:	80.5
PCH-504FF	15.0%	Δn [589 nm, 20°C]:	+0.1192
CCP-302FF	10.0%	$\Delta\varepsilon$ [1 kHz, 20°C]:	-5.1
BCH-32	8.0%	$\varepsilon_{\parallel}$ [1 kHz, 20°C]:	4.0
CCP-V-1	10.0%	γ_1 [mPa·s, 20°C]:	225
PCH-302	3.0%	V_o [V]:	1.83
PGIGI-3-F	2.0%		
CPY-2-02	12.0%		
CPY-3-02	12.0%		

Example 11

PCH-304FF	15.0%	S → N:	< -30°C
PCH-504FF	15.0%	Clearing point [°C]:	79.0
CCH-35	5.0%	Δn [589 nm, 20°C]:	+0.1122
CC-5-V	12.0%	$\Delta\varepsilon$ [1 kHz, 20°C]:	-3.7
CC-3-V1	10.0%	$\varepsilon_{\parallel}$ [1 kHz, 20°C]:	3.6
BCH-32	8.0%	V_o [V]:	2.04
CPY-2-02	10.0%	γ_1 [mPa·s, 20°C]:	145
CPY-3-02	7.0%		
CPY-V-02	10.0%		
CPY-V-04	8.0%		

Example 12

PCH-304FF	10.0%	S → N:	< -30°C
PCH-504FF	16.0%	Clearing point [°C]:	80.0
CCH-35	5.0%	Δn [589 nm, 20°C]:	+0.1021
CC-5-V	20.0%	$\Delta\varepsilon$ [1 kHz, 20°C]:	-3.5
CC-3-V1	10.0%	$\varepsilon_{\parallel}$ [1 kHz, 20°C]:	3.5
BCH-32	3.0%	V_o [V]:	2.17
CPY-2-02	10.0%	γ_1 [mPa·s, 20°C]:	131
CPY-3-02	10.0%	LTS in cells: nem. >	1 000 h
CPY-V-02	10.0%	at -20°C, -30°C	
CCP-302FF	6.0%		

Example 13

PCH-304FF	14.0%	S → N:	< -30°C
PCH-504FF	15.0%	Clearing point [°C]:	84.0
CCY-V-02	10.0%	Δn [589 nm, 20°C]:	+0.1140
CPY-3-1	9.0%	Δε [1 kHz, 20°C]:	-4.8
CC-3-V1	10.0%	$\varepsilon_{\parallel}$ [1 kHz, 20°C]:	3.8
CCH-35	5.0%	V_o [V]:	1.94
CC-5-V	7.0%	γ_1 [mPa·s, 20°C]:	183
CPY-V-02	10.0%	LTS in cells: nem. >	1 000 h
CPY-2-02	10.0%	at -20°C	
CPY-3-02	10.0%		

Example 14

PCH-304FF	20.0%	S → N:	< -40°C
PCH-504FF	16.0%	Clearing point [°C]:	69.0
BCH-32	8.0%	Δn [589 nm, 20°C]:	+0.0978
CCP-V-1	8.0%	Δε [1 kHz, 20°C]:	-3.0
CC-3-V1	8.0%	$\varepsilon_{\parallel}$ [1 kHz, 20°C]:	3.6
CC-5-V	20.0%	V_o [V]:	2.17
CPY-2-02	10.0%	γ_1 [mPa·s, 20°C]:	108
CPY-3-02	10.0%	LTS in cells: nem. >	1 000 h
		at -20°C, -30°C, -40°C	

Example 15

PCH-304FF	16.0%	S → N:	< -30°C
PCH-504FF	18.0%	Clearing point [°C]:	73.5
CCP-302FF	6.0%	Δn [589 nm, 20°C]:	+0.0883
CPY-2-02	6.0%	Δε [1 kHz, 20°C]:	-3.1
CPY-3-02	11.0%	$\varepsilon_{\parallel}$ [1 kHz, 20°C]:	3.4
CCP-V2-1	10.0%	V_o [V]:	2.26
CC-3-V12	8.0%	γ_1 [mPa·s, 20°C]:	113
CCH-35	5.0%	LTS in cells: nem. >	1 000 h
CC-5-V	20.0%	at -20°C and -30°C	

Example 16

PCH-304FF	13.0%	Clearing point [°C]:	70
PCH-502FF	8.0%	Δn [589 nm, 20°C]:	+ 0.0986
PCH-504FF	11.0%	$\Delta\varepsilon$ [1 kHz, 20°C]:	-3.2
CPY-3-02	10.0%	$\varepsilon_{\parallel}$ [1 kHz, 20°C]:	3.6
CPQIY-3-02	5.0%	V_o [V]:	2.12
CPQIY-3-04	5.0%	γ_1 [mPa·s, 20°C]:	116
CPY-2-02	9.0%		
BCH-32	8.0%		
CC-3-V1	8.0%		
CCH-35	5.0%		
CC-5-V	18.0%		

Example 17

PCH-304FF	16.0%	Clearing point [°C]:	70.5
PCH-502FF	8.0%	Δn [589 nm, 20°C]:	+ 0.0954
PCH-504FF	12.0%	$\Delta\varepsilon$ [1 kHz, 20°C]:	-3.4
CPY-3-02	8.0%	$\varepsilon_{\parallel}$ [1 kHz, 20°C]:	3.6
CCQY-3-02	5.0%	V_o [V]:	2.08
CCQY-5-02	5.0%	γ_1 [mPa·s, 20°C]:	122
CPY-2-02	9.0%		
BCH-32	8.0%		
CC-3-V1	8.0%		
CCH-35	5.0%		
CC-5-V	16.0%		

Example 18

PCH-304FF	8.0%	Clearing point [°C]:	70.0
PCH-502FF	10.0%	Δn [589 nm, 20°C]:	+ 0.1023
PCH-504FF	14.0%	$\Delta\varepsilon$ [1 kHz, 20°C]:	-3.3
CPY-3-02	12.0%	$\varepsilon_{\parallel}$ [1 kHz, 20°C]:	3.6
CQY-5-1	5.0%	V_o [V]:	2.14
CQY-5-02	5.0%	γ_1 [mPa·s, 20°C]:	104
CPY-3-04	12.0%		
BCH-32	9.0%		
CC-3-V1	10.0%		
CCH-35	5.0%		
CC-5-V	10.0%		

Example 19

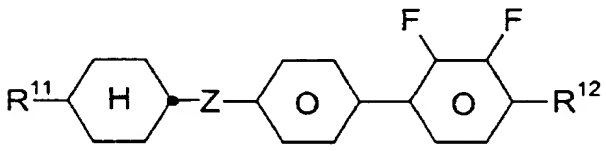
PCH-304FF	11.0%	Clearing point [°C]:	69.5
PCH-502FF	9.0%	Δn [589 nm, 20°C]:	+ 0.0952
PCH-504FF	16.0%	$\Delta\varepsilon$ [1 kHz, 20°C]:	-3.6
CPQIY-3-02	8.0%	$\varepsilon_{\parallel}$ [1 kHz, 20°C]:	3.6
CPY-2-04	10.0%	V_o [V]:	2.08
CPY-3-02	11.0%	γ_1 [mPa·s, 20°C]:	120
CCPC-33	3.0%		
CC-3-V1	8.0%		
CCH-35	5.0%		
CC-5-V	19.0%		

Example 20

PCH-304FF	13.0%	Clearing point [°C]:	70.5
PCH-502FF	8.0%	Δn [589 nm, 20°C]:	+ 0.0900
PCH-504FF	16.0%	$\Delta\varepsilon$ [1 kHz, 20°C]:	-3.7
CPQY-3-02	8.0%	$\varepsilon_{\parallel}$ [1 kHz, 20°C]:	3.6
CPY-2-02	10.0%	V_o [V]:	2.06
CPY-3-02	10.0%	γ_1 [mPa·s, 20°C]:	119
CCP-V2-1	4.0%		
CC-3-V1	8.0%		
CCH-35	5.0%		
CC-5-V	18.0%		

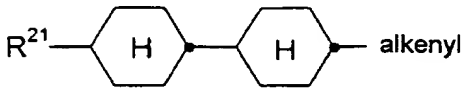
Patent Claims

1. Liquid-crystalline medium based on a mixture of polar compounds having negative dielectric anisotropy, characterized in that it comprises at least one compound of the formula I1



I1

and at least one compound of the formula I2



I2

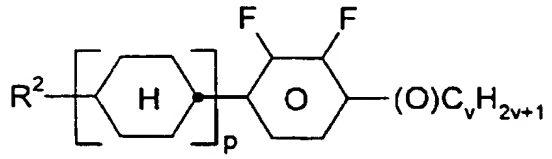
in which

R^{11}, R^{12} and R^{21} are each, independently of one another, an alkyl or alkenyl radical having up to 15 carbon atoms which is unsubstituted, monosubstituted by CN or CF_3 or at least monosubstituted by halogen, where one or more CH_2 groups in these radicals may also, in each case independently of one another, be replaced by -O-, -S-, independently of one another by -O-, -S-, [sic]  , -C≡C-, -CO-, -CO-O-, O-CO- or -O-CO-O- in such a way that O atoms are not linked directly to one another,

Z is $-C_2H_4-$, $-CH=CH-$ or a single bond, and

alkenyl is a straight-chain alkenyl radical having 2-6 carbon atoms.

2. Medium according to Claim 1, characterized in that it additionally comprises one or more compounds of the formula II



II

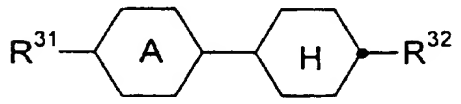
in which

R^2 is as defined for R^{11}, R^{12} and R^{21},

p is 1 or 2, and

v is from 1 to 6.

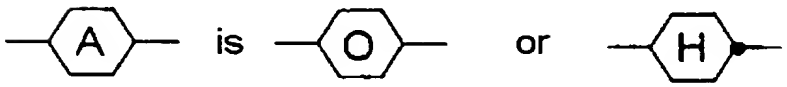
3. Medium according to Claim 1 or 2, characterized in that it additionally comprises one or more compounds of the formula III



III

in which

R^{31} and R^{32} are each, independently of one another, a straight-chain alkyl or alkyloxy radical having 1-12 carbon atoms, and



4. Medium according to at least one of Claims 1 to 3, characterized in that it essentially contains [sic] of three, four or more compounds selected from the formulae I1 and I2.

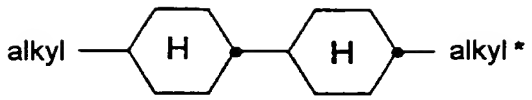
5. Medium according to one of Claims 1 to 4, characterized in that the proportion of compounds of the formula I1 in the total mixture is at least 10% by weight.

6. Medium according to one of Claims 1 to 5, characterized in that the proportion of compounds of the formula I2 in the total mixture is at least 5% by weight.

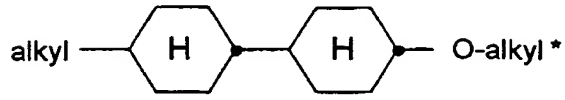
7. Medium according to one of Claims 1 to 6, characterized in that the proportion of compounds of the formula II in the total mixture is at least 20% by weight.

8. Medium according to one of Claims 1 to 7, characterized in that the proportion of compounds of the formula III in the total mixture is at least 5% by weight.

9. Liquid-crystalline medium according to Claim 3, characterized in that it comprises at least one compound selected from the formulae IIIa to IIId:



IIIa



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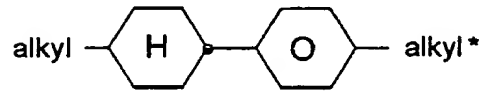

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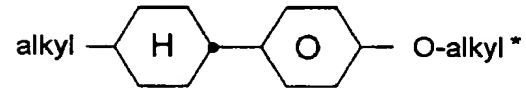

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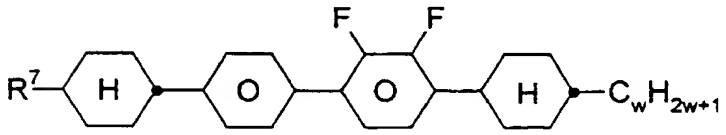
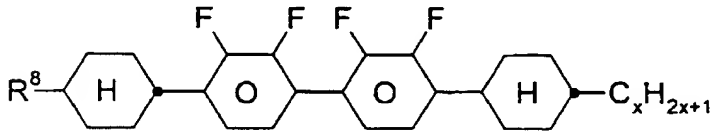
in which

alkyl and
alkyl* are each, independently of one another, a straight-chain alkyl radical having 1-6 carbon atoms.

10. Liquid-crystalline medium according to Claim 9, characterized in that it comprises at least one compound of the formula IIIa and/or at least one compound of the formula IIIb.

11. Liquid-crystalline medium according to one of Claims 1 to 10, characterized in that it additionally comprises one or more compounds of the formulae





in which

R^7 and R^8 are each, independently of one another, as defined for R^{11}, R^{12} and R^{21} in Claim 1, and

w and x are each, independently of one another, from 1 to 6.

12. Liquid-crystalline medium according to one of Claims 1 to 11, characterized in that it essentially consists of

10-40% by weight of one or more compounds of the formula I1,

5-30% by weight of one or more compounds of the formula I2,

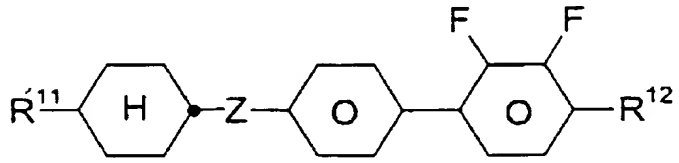
and

20-70% by weight of one or more compounds of the formula II.

13. Electro-optical display having active matrix addressing based on the ECB effect, characterized in that it comprises, as dielectric, a liquid-crystalline medium according to one of Claims 1 to 12.

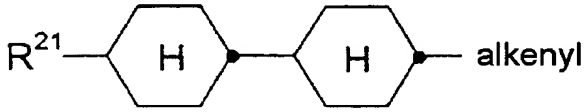
Abstract

The invention relates to a liquid-crystalline medium based on a mixture of polar compounds of negative dielectric anisotropy which comprises at least one compound of the formula I1 and/or I2, [sic]



I1

and at least one compound of the formula I2



I2

in which

R^{11}, R^{12}, R^{21} and Z are as defined in Claim 1,

and the use thereof for an active matrix display based on the ECB effect.